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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

CASTINE, MAINE,

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 28, 1917

ELLSWORTH, MAINE:

HANCOCK-COUNTY PUBLISHING COMPANY, PRINTERS

1917.



TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor:

G. E. Parsons, Robert Crosgrove, W. E. Ordway.

Treasurer and Collector,

Stephen W. Cash.

Superintending School Committee:

Boyd Bartlett, Chairman, F. W. Bowden, E. E. Leach.

Superintendent of Schools,

W. E. Clark.

Engineers of the Fire Department:

Harry B. Thombs, Chief, Dr. H. B. Webster, First Assistant,

James Norton, Second Assistant.

Fire Inspector,

Harry B. Thombs.

Trustees of the Witherle Memorial Library,

Dr. E. E. Philbrook, Chairman, W. A. Walker, Dr. G. E. Parsons,

Miss Gertrude Lewis, Miss Amy Witherle.

Librarian,

Miss Katherine Davenport.

Road Commissioner,

William H. Bevan.

Town Clerk,

Frank S. Perkins.

Board of Health:

J. C. M. Gardner, Dr. H. B. Webster, Dr. G. E. Parsons.

Auditor,

W. A. Ricker.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

VALUATION.

Real estate, resident.....		\$286,187
non-resident.....		195,595
		<u>\$481,782</u>
Personal property, resident.....	\$80,418	
non-resident.....	13,780	
	<u>94,198</u>	
Total valuation.....		<u>\$575,980</u>

Value of land. \$196,250.

Value of buildings, \$285,532.

TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY.

98 horses.....	\$7,425
1 colt, 3 to 4 years old.....	50
2 colts under 2 years.....	50
148 cows.....	4,430
2 oxen.....	80
2 three old.....	75
3 shares railroad stock.....	525
Bonds.....	600
17 shares bank stock.....	1,670
11 " Trust Co stock.....	1,100
Money at interest.....	16,607
Stock in trade.....	16,225
Small boats.....	44,500
178 tons shipping.....	706
Logs and lumber.....	200
114 carriages.....	4,110
38 automobiles.....	8,435
74 musical instruments.....	7,460
Household furniture.....	9,400
Machinery not taxed as real estate.....	2,000
Other property.....	8,550
	<u>\$94,198</u>

LIVESTOCK EXEMPT BY LAW.

25 two-year old.....	\$350
40 one-year old.....	320
25 sheep.....	50
41 swine.....	287

PURPOSES FOR WHICH TAXES WERE ASSESSED.

State tax.....	\$2,946 34
County tax.....	686 78
Watering trough at Albert Webster's.....	60 00
Hubbard sewer	200 00
Tarratine street sewer	500 00
Court "	500 00
Water "	300 00
State-aid road, construction.....	533 00
" maintenance.....	105 00
Historical signs.....	200 00
Dyer st sidewalk	85 00
Highways, bridges and drains.....	1500 00
Sidewalks.....	300 00
Snow.....	150 00
Free high school.....	1600 00
Common schools.....	500 00
Apparatus and supplies.....	200 00
Free text books.....	250 00
Schoolhouse repairs	300 00
Superintendent of schools.....	133 33
Support of poor	900 00
Current expense.	700 00
Memorial day.....	75 00
Street lights.....	550 00
Hydrant rental.....	900 00
Fire department	575 00
Library maintenance.....	300 00
increase, 35 cents per poll	93 80
Fire escape, Emerson hall.....	45 00
Deficiencies	1209 36
Payment of note.....	200 00
balance due on Hawes fund	492 41
Overlays.....	346 86
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	\$1,7436 88
Assessed on 245 polls at \$3 each	\$735 00
property at \$29 per \$1000	16,701 88
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	\$17,436 88

245 polls assessed at \$3 each.

23 polls not assessed on account of military service and age.

LIST OF TAX-PAYERS.

RESIDENT.

Property owners	real estate	personal property	Total tax inc poll
Adams, Alfred F est.....	\$2,000	\$200	\$63 80
Bartram, Walter B.....	1750	200	59 55
Barker, Herbert .....	....	....	3 00
Benjamin, George A.....	1820	....	55 78
Bakeman, Leon.....	....	25	3 73
Bevan, Mrs Charles A.....	400	....	11 60
Charles A.....	....	50	4 45
William H	600	250	27 65
Blake, Daniel.....	430	....	12 47
Mrs William G	1850	100	56 55
William G .....	....	....	3 00
Bowden, Austin R.....	1150	160	40 99
Bowden, J Wesley .....	....	460	16 34
Edward C .....	....	150	7 35
Frank H .....	....	....	3 00
Frank W.....	....	....	3 00
F Bernard .. ..	....	....	3 00
Ralph.....	....	....	3 00
Luther .....	....	....	3 00
Horace.....	....	....	3 00
Bert C.....	....	....	3 00
Harry .....	....	....	3 00
George W.....	....	....	3 00
George.....	275	....	10 97
Joseph, estate.....	280	....	8 12
Joseph E	400	75	16 77
Maria A.....	550	....	15 95
Butler, Frederick H.....	25	....	3 73
Harry .....	....	....	3 00
Bartlett, Boyd .....	....	....	3 00
Mrs Louise W.....	1200	....	34 80
Brophy, Miss Ellen	2100	100	63 80
Brown, Walter C .....	....	200	8 80
Edward .....	....	....	3 00
Rowland B.....	5625	1350	202 28
R B Coal Co.....	1500	250	50 75
Walter S, estate	1500	....	43 50
Bowden, J W & E C	2335	100	70 62
Castine Aqueduct Co.....	400	....	11 60

Castine Amusement Co.....	....	1200	34 80
Fruit Co.....	....	150	4 35
Gas Co.....	400	....	11 60
Gun Club.....	....	150	4 35
Line & Twine Co.....	7500	2500	290 00
Water Co.....	11000	....	319 00
Coal Co.....	1300	1500	81 20
Cate, Jane E, heirs.....	1200	....	34 80
Carpenter, E H, estate.....	4200	700	142 10
Cash, Stephen W.....	....	...	3 00
Chamberlain, Aaron.....	880	....	25 52
Clark, Charles F.....	2160	....	65 64
Alfred W.....	11360	3100	422 34
Clark, William.....	650	....	21 85
Joseph F.....	300	....	11 70
W E.....	....	50	4 45
Clement, Alva.....	300	....	11 70
Collins, Mrs Fannie.....	440	....	12 76
Colson, George F.....	830	....	27 07
Levi.....	165	25	7 06
Pearl.....	.. .	....	3 00
Mrs Sarah, estate.....	420	....	12 18
Conner, Arthur.....	....	25	3 73
Merle.....	....	....	3 00
Norman.....	....	....	3 00
Robert A.....	....	....	3 00
Mrs Nora.....	300	....	8 70
Ivin L.....	220	80	11 70
Coombs, Augustus B.....	900	200	34 90
Frank J.....	925	....	29 82
George F.....	....	....	3 00
Ned W.....	440	....	15 76
Mary, heirs.....	300	....	8 70
Conner, Mrs Annie.....	2000	100	60 90
Conoly, Miss Susan.....	1000	....	29 00
Cox, Mrs Susan.....	365	....	10 58
Crie, Edward P.....	....	....	3 00
Horatio D.....	....	1810	55 49
Crawford, Ida.....	1250	....	36 25
Crosgrove, Robert.....	1200	....	34 80
Cunningham, Mrs Edward, estate,	770	....	22 33
Dennett, Jacob.....	....	....	3 00
Joseph.....	....	325	12 42
J Millard.....	700	200	29 10
John, estate.....	2085	1000	89 46

Danforth, Pearl	2000	1100	92 90
Davenport, George, estate	1650	....	47 84
Devereux, Charles	1200	....	37 80
Ferdinand	2725	150	86 37
Rosmar .....	....	....	3 00
George, estate	400	80	13 92
Arthur M. ....	....	100	5 90
Dodge, Albert K.	1440	460	58 10
Douglass, Frank A.	1050	55	35 04
Maynard .....	....	....	3 00
James, estate	375	....	10 87
Dority, John E.	545	205	24 75
Drago, Dominico .....	....	....	3 00
John .....	....	....	3 00
Dresser, J W, estate	600	....	17 40
Dunham, Fred .....	....	....	3 00
Dunton, Fred L .....	....	....	3 00
Dunbar, Bennett	1200	355	48 09
Duncan .....	....	....	3 00
David .....	....	....	3 00
William F .....	....	130	6 77
Samuel, estate	1200	205	40 75
Eastern Bay Steamboat Co .....	....	1000	29 00
Faye, George W .....	....	....	3 00
Finch, Clifford .....	.. .	....	3 00
Gardner, J C M .....	....	....	3 00
Henry J .....	....	....	3 00
Jotham, estate	525	....	15 22
Isabelle	800	....	23 20
Stella	700	50	21 25
John, estate	1700	200	55 10
Gott, Mrs C A	1300	50	39 15
Ormond ..	....	....	3 00
Grange P of H, No 250	300	100	11 60
Gray, Clarence .....	....	....	3 00
Ernest	1100	50	36 35
James, estate	300	....	8 70
Isaac	350	150	17 50
John P .....	....	100	5 90
Merton .....	....	....	3 00
Leslie C	500	350	27 65
Eugene .....	....	....	3 00
William .....	....	....	3 00
John E .....	....	....	3 00
Rodney	775	30	26 34

Gray, Colby.....	565	....	19 38
Grindle, Melvern .....	....	....	3 00
Sumner.....	....	....	3 00
Bert .....	....	....	3 00
Frank H.....	....	....	3 00
Norman.....	....	....	3 00
Henry H.....	1550	655	66 94
Gross, John R.....	....	150	7 35
Ethel N.....	450	....	13 05
Hackett, Joseph	450	25	13 78
Hale, Thomas E.....	2425	510	88 11
Hall, W D .....	....	....	3 00
Harding, Mrs Mina... ..	165	....	4 78
Harmon, Michael.....	....	....	3 00
Harper, Charles W.....	....	....	3 00
Lawrence .....	....	....	3 00
Hanson, Devereux .....	....	....	3 00
Harper, Sarah K,.....	275	....	7 97
Hatch, Edward.....	....	....	3 00
Silas S.....	....	....	3 00
Mrs Otis, estate.....	715	....	2 074
James	1150	105	39 39
Hibbert, Mrs John.....	1000	....	29 00
Hinch, Chester.....	....	....	3 00
Hooke, William F.....	....	200	8 80
Mrs Frank.....	275	....	7 97
Lucy, estate	2530	100	76 27
Mary, estate.....	1375	....	39 87
Hooper, Mrs Abbie.....	1760	....	51 04
Frank.....	1600	200	55 20
Warren P.....	3300	1485	141 76
Merton .....	....	....	3 00
Noah B.....	....	25	3 73
William H	11,400	6240	514 56
Howard, Charles.....	....	...	3 00
Ray	400	....	14 60
Hutchins, Peter F.....	....	....	3 00
Mrs Isabelle.....	220	....	6 38
Jordan, Walter .....	...	....	3 00
Jones, C Fred.....	2050	365	73 03
Kelley, James	400	....	14 60
Keener, Mrs W A.....	3890	1400	153 41
Ladd, Arthur	300	....	11 70
Leadbetter, Charles F.....	2200	100	69 70
Lowell, Howard.....	....	105	6 04

Lewis, Charles.....	....	....	3 05
Frank	2800	1501	88 50
Lawrence, William M.....	500	....	17 50
Leach, Henry .....	....	....	3 00
Gilbert S.....	....	100	5 90
Everett E.....	....	100	5 90
Max .....	....	150	7 35
Horace .....	....	....	3 00
Charles Ward.....	....	30	3 87
Littlefield, Leon.....	....	....	3 00
Stephen .....	....	....	3 00
Mrs Fannie, estate....	500	....	14 50
Macomber, Harry.....	....	300	11 70
Mrs Mary .....	.250	....	7 25
Marion, Jacob.....	....	....	3 00
Martyn, Charles .....	....	....	3 00
Fred .....	....	....	3 00
Mayo, Harvey .....	....	....	3 00
Roy.....	....	....	3 00
William I	2000	185	66 36
McCluskey, Charles E.....	2300	1970	126 83
McIntire, Albert .....	....	....	3 00
Guardie F.....	....	....	3 00
McKinnon, George.....	450	....	16 05
McLaughlin, John, estate....	500	....	14 50
Mills, Fred.....	....	....	3 00
John, estate	770	....	22 33
Moran, Mike .....	....	....	3 00
Morey, Admah.....	....	75	5 17
Arthur G .....	....	....	3 00
Mrs A G.....	500	....	14 50
Charles	400	100	17 50
George	430	25	13 20
Edward F.....	470	25	17 36
Joseph A.....	570	55	21 12
Sylvester	170	....	7 92
William H	430	25	16 20
Morgrage, Andrew J, estate.....	1200	430	47 27
Bradley .....	....	....	3 00
Filene J, estate.....	1025	....	29 73
Frank C	825	....	26 92
Mrs F C.....	400	....	11 60
Nellie.....	50	....	1 45
Muder, M E.....	....	....	3 00
Nickerson, Fred .....	....	....	3 00

Norton, Charles.....	....	....	3 00
James .....	....	75	5 17
Ralph .....	....	....	3 00
Noyes, Charles W.....	1840	....	56 36
Ethel S.....	....	750	21 75
Nelson P, estate.....	1900	100	58 00
Ordway, Amanda	1055	....	30 59
Edwin .....	....	105	3 04
Mrs James, estate	110	....	3 19
Wilbert E.....	1705	385	63 61
Olsen, Oscar	300	25	12 43
Parker, Bert P.....	1100	100	37 80
Mrs J Hatch	2000	....	58 00
Rufus O.....	1800	50	56 65
Otis H.....	....	....	3 00
& Wescott.....	1320	1075	69 45
Parsons, G E.....	....	50	4 45
Payson, Will S.....	3300	500	113 20
Pelley, D P.....	....	50	4 45
Peterson, Mrs J A.....	....	100	2 90
Patterson Andrew J .....	....	....	3 00
Arthur W.....	....	250	10 25
Charles.....	350	75	12 32
George W.....	2800	100	87 10
William J	2600	975	106 67
Perkins, Miss Aggie.....	500	....	14 50
B Frank, estate	1400	100	43 50
Mrs Amos	200	....	5 80
Carl V.....	....	355	13 29
Charles H	400	25	15 33
Charles R.....	....	....	3 00
Edward .....	....	50	4 45
Francis R .....	....	....	3 00
Frederick A .....	....	....	3 00
Mrs F A.....	770	100	25 23
Fred C.....	400	....	14 60
George H .....	....	....	3 00
George M.....	740	315	33 60
Harold.....	....	....	3 00
James Y.....	1400	....	43 60
Miss Josephine.....	500	....	14 50
Joel.....	....	....	3 00
Julius	1225	25	39 25
Mrs L M, estate.....	2750	150	84 10
Mial .....	....	....	3 00

Perkins, Sewall.....	500	100	20 40
Perry, W C.....	....	75	5 17
Philbrook, Edward E.....	2000	100	63 90
Powers, Andrew J.....	....	....	3 00
Porter, Mary.....	10500	4300	429 20
Rea, Mrs John F.....	2530	....	73 37
Redman, Ephraim.....	1050	215	39 69
Richardson, Albert F.....	250	100	13 15
Charles.....	....	....	3 00
Mrs Ellen.....	500	...	14 50
Ricker, Mrs Ariadna A.....	700	....	20 30
Florence S.....	2200	200	69 60
Willis A.....	1200	1250	74 05
Roche Arthur S.....	....	....	3 00
Sawyer, Russell.....	195	....	8 65
Charles L.....	700	285	31 56
Charles F.....	....	25	3 73
Arthur.....	....	....	3 00
Fred.....	....	25	3 73
John G.....	270	25	8 56
Harry.....	....	....	3 00
John G, jr.....	400	300	23 30
Sargent, William G.....	3410	604	119 41
W H, estate.....	2410	1168	103 76
Seybt, E Julian.....	...	300	11 70
Shepherd, Mrs Hannah.....	1320	....	38 28
Smallidge, Charles, estate.....	760	....	22 10
Smith, William, estate.....	600	....	17 40
Staples, Allard.....	....	....	3 00
Justus.....	275	....	10 97
Lewis.....	250	50	11 70
Steele, Brainard.....	....	....	3 00
William.....	1105	575	51 72
Stevens, Curtis.....	2280	....	69 12
Straw, Fred, estate.....	425	....	12 32
Spurling, Edward.....	....	125	6 62
Robert.....	....	50	4 45
Swanson, Augustus.....	400	...	14 60
Tilden, Sarah, estate.....	1200	....	34 80
Thombs, Arthur.....	....	....	3 00
Eugene, estate.....	550	....	15 95
Harry B.....	875	400	39 97
Varnum, Ira.....	800	....	26 20
Veazie, Mrs Charles.....	650	60	20 59
Vogell, Alice M.....	4000	380	127 02

John M.....	1120	200	41 28
Frederick W	715	100	26 64
Mrs F W .....	....	750	21 75
Walker, Edmund F .....	....	....	3 00
Mrs E P.....	....	500	14 50
William A.....	2200	1200	101 60
Wallace, Edward.....	....	....	3 00
Ward, Wilbur.....	....	100	2 90
Wardwell, Carl.....	....	50	4 45
Charles	165	180	13 00
G L .....	....	....	3 00
Neil .....	....	225	9 52
Ralph S.....	2650	1900	134 95
Robert, estate.....	550	60	17 69
Roland B	55	75	6 76
Virgil P	100	50	7 35
Webber, Julian .....	....	....	3 00
Webster, Albert	550	75	18 12
Chester.....	100	....	5 90
Emery .....	....	....	3 00
Ernest.....	....	....	3 00
Eugene	300	244	18 78
George W.....	....	....	3 00
H B.....	2700	1060	112 04
James, estate.....	1300	....	37 70
J Merritt, estate.....	300	....	8 70
John.....	....	100	5 90
Littleton.....	110	....	6 19
Stephen, estate.....	1320	....	38 28
William.....	....	50	4 45
Weeks, George H.....	....	...	3 00
Mrs G H.....	550	....	15 95
J Walter	3122	100	96 44
Wescott, David W.....	1070	600	51 43
Mrs George.....	600	....	17 40
Henry, estate.....	1400	....	40 60
Jeremiah, estate	850	....	24 65
Miss Josephine.....	....	100	2 90
Paul.....	1535	180	52 74
Russell J.....	850	....	27 65
West, Edward B	1650	460	61 19
Wilson, Charles.....	875	455	41 56
Walter.....	....	30	3 87
Witham, Charles .....	....	....	3 00
Mrs Charles.....	85	....	2 46

Frank E	360	205	19 39
Grover .....	....	....	3 00
Witherle, Amy	4835	8100	375 12
Anna	660	2528	92 45
Jane R estate	2310	3245	161 09
Wheeler, Clarence .....	....	300	11 70
Whiting, John P .....	....	2559	77 21
Weed, Richard .....	....	100	5 90
Wood, Frank P, estate	12960	850	400 49

NON-RESIDENT,

Abbott, Margaret J, estate	2850	100	85 55
Acadian Hotel Co	11700	700	359 60
Ames, Mrs Sarah	7800	1660	274 34
Baldwin, Florence	3650	100	108 75
Bagaduce Fisheries Co	150	400	15 95
Baker, Mrs Frank W	2800	....	81 20
Mrs Mary	16300	1500	516 20
Bates, Mrs Charles F	2000	60	59 74
Billings, John	600	....	17 40
Blodgett, Joseph	140	....	4 06
Blake, Dorothy	4000	600	133 40
Clement, Frank H	1500	....	43 50
Collins, Willard, estate	3800	....	110 20
Cope, Mrs Alfred	1500	....	43 50
Cunningham, H C	3500	100	104 40
Cummins, E E .....	....	500	14 50
Domansky, estate	100	....	2 90
Davies, Mrs Caroline	700	....	20 30
Dearfoot Farms Creamery .....	....	100	2 90
Day, Mrs M	100	....	2 90
Eustis, Miss Elizabeth	18000	1000	551 00
Eaton, Kate M	25	....	73
Folsom, Mrs A H	1600	100	49 30
Gay, Robert	1500	....	43 50
Goodwin, James	2000	....	58 00
Gilbert, Mrs B S	350	....	10 15
Gray, Sherman	30	....	87
Grindle, J Wesley, estate	5500	200	165 30
M W	140	....	4 06
Harris, Mrs E K	7800	1610	272 89
Hatch, Mary K	2000	....	58 00
Hay, Mrs Anna F	3800	500	124 70
Hobbs, Mrs H B	1700	....	49 30
Hosmer, Miss M	900	....	26 10

Hatch, Frank C	1300	400	49 30
Hooper, John L	100	....	2 90
Hubbard, L V	1700	....	49 30
Haines, Mary K	9300	150	274 05
Johnson, Daniel	2000	....	58 00
Lyons, Mrs Elta B	1000	....	29 00
Little, Caroline	2600	100	78 30
Linnard, George B	700	200	26 10
McLaughlin, Henry	4500	150	134 85
Mikell, William E	1000	....	29 00
Morey, Mrs Edwin	9000	700	281 30
Charles	1125	....	32 63
North, R H	4000	600	133 40
Perkins, Mary H	75	....	2 17
Mary W	75	....	2 17
Maria L	1400	....	40 60
Pierce, Walter C	1400	....	40 60
Pol, Bernhard	1700	200	55 10
Randall, Charles E	1200	....	34 80
Reuter, F T	1100	....	31 90
Rea, Frank E	1700	....	49 30
Robinson, A A, estate	1550	....	44 95
Mrs B B, estate	10000	1050	320 45
Russell, Charles F	2000	....	58 00
Robson	1000	....	29 00
Schenck, Miss C C	1000	....	29 00
Shelton, Frederick H	1200	....	34 80
Smith, Mrs Frederick	2000	50	59 45
Frederick	800	....	23 20
Smith & Bartlett	400	....	11 60
Stover, Freeman N	700	....	20 30
Talbot, Elizabeth	400	....	11 60
Thombs, John	500	....	14 50
Turner, Harlan B	100	....	2 90
Twining, Mrs H B	500	....	14 50
Union Trust Co	2300	....	66 70
Veazie John	2000	....	58 00
Volkman, A L K	4000	50	117 45
Wallace, Thomas, jr	2000	300	66 70
Williams, Mary, estate	1320	....	38 28
Walker, E P, estate	300	....	8 70
Wescott, Martha	600	....	17 40
Wilson, Mrs C G	5000	600	162 40
Waterman, Lucy	165	4 78
Willard, Mary E	250	7 25

SUPPLEMENTARY TAX.

Finch, William A.....	3 00
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TAXES ABATED.

Mrs C A Gott, over valuation	\$2 90
Leon Bakeman, error in valuation	73
Castine Line & Twine Co, vote of town.....	290 00
Mrs Frank Hooke, sickness.....	7 97
Rosmar Devereux, paid elsewhere	3 00
Fred Dunham, dead	3 00
Charles Lewis, poverty	3 00
Wilbur Ward, dead.....	2 90
Julian Webber, dead	3 00
Maynard Douglass, taxed elsewhere.....	3 00
Harry Sawyer, taxed elsewhere.....	3 00
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	\$322 50
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REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

RECEIPTS.

Raised for deficiency 1915-16.....	\$233 47
Appropriated.....	900 00
Received from S J Colson estate.....	1 00
Melvorn Grindle.....	28 00
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	\$1,162 47

EXPENDITURES.

Pearl Colson:

W L Hooper, rent.....	\$55 00
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Fred Dunbar:

W H Hooper.....	\$46 25
W H Bevan.....	6 50
Dr. G E Parsons.....	1 50
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\$54 25

Edward Finch:

Parker & Wescott.....	\$ 8 00
W H Walker, medicine.....	25
A W Clark, rent.....	15 50
Dr G E Parsons.....	1 00
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24 75

Charles Lewis:

A W Clark, rent.....		28 75
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Mrs Sarah Grindle and family:

W H Hooper, rent	\$66 00	
wood.....	18 10	
Parker & Wescott.....	34 53	
A W Clark.....	3 35	
Dr H B Webster, ex Melvern....	5 00	
Dr G E Parsons “	5 00	
D W Wescott “	3 50	
W H Hooper “	10 00	
A C Coombs, “	3 00	
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Mr and Mrs E W Howard:

R B Brown Coal Co, coal.....	\$ 4 00	
Castine Coal Co	19 00	
W H Hooper, wood	19 35	
Dr G E Parsons	75	
Sargent Wharf Co, rent.....	18 00	
R S Wardwell, rent.....	54 00	
Parker & Wescott.....	84 94	
W J Patterson.....	8 25	
B F Steele.....	4 06	
W H Hooper, milk.....	22 13	
R C Ingalls, “	4 96	
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Charles Howard family:

City of Rockland		2 55
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Charles Heath:

Mrs M R Phillips, board.....	69 00	
Arthur B Mitchell	86 52	
Medical attendance.....	6 00	
Clothes	6 18	
G E Parsons, expenses to Ells- worth and Lamoine.....	14 00	
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Charles Snowman:

Mrs James Turner, board.....	96 00	
Dr G E Parsons, medicine.....	75	
D W Wescott, shoes	6 90	
A W Clark.....	2 85	
	<hr/>	106 50

Mrs Henrietta Sawyer:

Mrs James Gray, board.....	159 00
W A Walker, medicine.....	15

Dr G E Parsons, med att.....	2 25		
H N Grindle.....	1 05		
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Paid overdraw 1915-16.....		233 47	
		<hr/>	\$1,237 34
Overdrawn.....			<hr/>
			\$74 87
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IN ACCOUNT WITH STATE OF MAINE.

Rec'd from State		\$446 50
Amount due from State 1915-16 account	\$270 86	
Pd expense of Mrs Henry Chamberlain.....	330 78	
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Due from State.....		<hr/>
		\$155 14
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SELECTMEN'S STATEMENT.

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Balance from 1915-16.....	\$164 75
Appropriated	700 00
for historical signs.....	200 00
Dog tax refunded	26 60
Railroad and telegraph tax.....	85 59
Brown-tail moth refund	59 46
Wharf permit.....	5 00
Supplementary tax	3 00
Overlays	346 86
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	\$1,591 26

EXPENDITURES.

Pd. Hancock Co Pub Co, town reports.....	\$ 56 35
postage and express, "	4 38
C W Noyes, historical signs.....	200 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies.....	7 40
W A Ricker, supplies.....	95
F W Sanborn, brown-tail moth notices.....	1 50
Newall White, "	1 50
order books.....	5 25
Board of health, expenses for infantile paraly- sis quarantine	29 75
W H Hooper, wood.....	10 55

C Fred Jones, administering oaths 1914-15..	1 25
pension papers 1914-15.....	13 00
J H Norton, trucking.....	85
emptying rubbish barrels.....	7 00
G E Parsons, board of health.....	10 50
H Rufus Googins, expenses primary election,	3 00
Horace Leach, " "	3 45
Reception to officers of torpedo boats	13 26
W H Hooper	6 05
voting booths.....	4 50
A W Clark, "	31
F A Perkins, "	3 40
Dr M A Wardwell, birth and death certificates	1 00
Vogell & Morey, sign boards.	2 47
R B Brown Co "	25
S W Cash, painting, "	5 50
Jacob Marion, " "	2 00
Dr H B Webster, board of health.....	1 50
birth and death certificates,	1 50
Ned Douglass, rebate poll-tax.....	3 00
W E Ordway, automobile and expenses to	
Sate assessors' meeting at Ellsworth	10 75
Maine Register	2 50
Wardwell's Garage & Machine Co	1 50
A W Patterson, legal advice and swearing	
papers	2 75
Supplies, postage and telephones	8 50
F R Devereux, supplies for sealer of weights	
and measures.....	1 25
Sargent Ricker, automobile for measuring	
streets	2 50
Dr G E Parsons, birth and death certificates,	7 25
Albert Webster, watering trough.....	3 00
W I Mayo, rent of land for garbage dump...	25 00
J M Vogell, landing for E K Harris estate,	
1915-16	10 00
Vogell & Morey, repairs on town clock.....	5 42
Harry Macomber, police, 1915-16	12 00
William Steele, "	2 00
C W Harper, "	5 00
G E Parsons, " 1914-15-16.....	10 00
F A Perkins, "	2 00
J C M Gardner, "	2 00
Rodney Gray, "	2 00
A G Morey, "	8 00

J M Vogell, constable	13 62	
A C Coombs, "	7 50	
collecting dog tax, 1915-16	12 00	
truant officer	1 00	
Harry Butler, brown-tail moths	25 32	
Ray Howard, "	25 10	
Geo M Perkins, "	27 25	
J A Morey, "	21 00	
M H Conner, "	21 00	
H P Lowell, "	6 00	
James Hatch, "	6 22	
Vogell & Morey, "	3 98	
R B Brown Co, "	30	
A P Perry, "	1 75	
F S Perkins, ballot clerk	8 00	
R O Parker, "	8 00	
C W Harper, "	8 00	
Harry Bowden, "	7 00	
W A Walker, moderator	3 00	
W A Ricker, auditor	10 00	
O H Parker, care of clock	26 00	
H B Thombs, fire inspector	25 00	
F S Perkins, town clerk	21 80	
W E Clark, postage 1916-17	10 00	
S W Nash, collecting taxes \$348 42, treasurer, \$40	388 42	
S W Nash, postage	5 00	
G E Parsons, salary	200 00	
Robert Crosgrave, "	50 00	
W E Ordway, "	50 00	
Taxes abated	322 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,839 60
Overdrawn		<hr/>
		\$248 34

NOTE ACCOUNT.

PRINCIPAL

Appropriated		\$200 00
City National Bank, temporary loan		3,850 00
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		\$4,050 00
Pd City National Bank, temporary loan	\$3,850 00	
note due Jan 19, 1917 ...	200 00	
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		4,050 00

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\$295 21
\$190 14
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\$105 07
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NOTES OUTSTANDING MARCH 1, 1917.

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

Isadore Cornwallis Trust Fund:

James Owen Trust Fund:

Samuel Hooper Trust Fund:

Samuel Adams, jr, Trust Fund:

George W Perkins Trust Fund:

Josiah S Hatch Trust Fund:

Received interest	\$2 50
Paid W H Bevan, care of lot.....	2 50
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Orinda Benson Trust Fund:

Received interest	\$2 00
Paid W H Bevan, care of lot.....	2 00
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Margaret J Abbott Trust Fund:

Received interest.....	\$2 25
Paid W H Bevan, care of lot	2 25
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Uriah Bowden Trust Fund:

Received interest.....	\$1 75
Paid W H Bevan, care of lot.....	1 75
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HAWES TRUST FUND.

PRINCIPAL.

Balance in Bangor savings bank.....	\$ 267 35
Penobscot " "	290 24
Belfast " "	1,000 00
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Amount in banks.....	\$1,557 59

INTEREST.

From Penobscot Savings Bank.....	\$10 23
Bangor " "	9 43
Belfast " "	26 78
Town.....	25 31
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	\$71 75

Paid Mrs Frank Hooke.....	\$14 35
Mrs Mina Harding.....	14 35
Joseph Conner.....	14 35
Nettie Laskey	14 35
Miss Clara Stearns.....	14 35
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	\$71 75
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EMERSON HALL.

RECEIPTS.

Raised for deficiencies	\$154 32
Appropriated for fire escape.....	45 00
Received for rent from janitor.....	280 95
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	\$480 27

EXPENDITURES.

Pd R B Brown Co, fire escape	\$4 34	
W H Hooper, "	25	
H B Thombs, "	3 36	
F W Bowden, "	37 17	
A W Clark, "	1 65	
C R Perkins, "	2 18	
E J Seybt, paper and envelopes	3 50	
E W Perkins, repairs	1 25	
H B Thombs, repairs	45	
R B Brown Co, repairs	2 92	
W J Patterson, supplies	1 66	
A W Clark, supplies	20 29	
W P Hooper, trucking	2 85	
E W Perkins, foot-lights	7 30	
W H Hooper, "	4 80	
F A Perkins, "	3 00	
J C M Gardner, "	2 67	
Colby Gray, repairs	1 65	
Allard Staples, repairs	1 50	
J C M Gardner, repairs	1 50	
F A Perkins, repairs	1 85	
Justus Staples, sawing wood	3 08	
W H Hooper, sawdust	35	
W H Hooper, gas burners	9 44	
R B Brown Coal Co, coal	16 20	
Castine Coal Co, coal	53 00	
Castine Water Co	26 00	
Castine Gas Co	99 00	
Boyd Bartlett, insurance	133 00	
F A Perkins, janitor	150 00	
Overdraw 1915-16	154 32	
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		\$270 26
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DEFICIENCY.

Part of the overdraw on this account is due to the fact that the insurance expired on this building during the summer, and although no money had been raised to pay for re-insuring, we felt that the citizens would not wish to wait until another town meeting before attending to the matter. We re-insured the building for a term of three years at a cost of \$133. The amount received for rent of hall was \$105.75 less than last year. The greater part of this loss was due to the infantile paralysis scare, which caused several stock companies to cancel their dates.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriated	\$75 00
Paid R B Brown, commander.....	75 00
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STREET LIGHTS.

RECEIPTS.

Raised for overdraw 1915-16	\$36 95
Appropriated	550 00
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	\$586 95

EXPENDITURES.

Pd. Overdraw 1915-16	\$36 95	
F C Perkins.....	510 00	
Wardwell's Garage & Mch Co.....	15 00	
	<hr/>	561 95
Balance to new account.....		<hr/> \$25 00 <hr/>

HYDRANT RENTAL.

Appropriated.....	\$900 00
Paid Castine Water Co.....	900 00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Raised for deficiency 1915-16.....	\$2 30
Appropriated for firemen attending drills.....	50 00
Appropriated for removal of snow from hydrants	25 00
Appropriated	500 00
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	\$577 30

EXPENDITURES.

Pd James Norton	\$6 10
W H Hooper.....	9 18
J M Hardy.....	35 32
Eureka Fire Hose Co	289 25
Joseph Hackett.....	1 90
R B Brown Co.....	17 68
H B Webster.....	35 93
Colby Gray	15 35
F W Bowden.....	34 66
J M Dennett.....	2 82

W S Webster.....	1 80
J M Vogell.....	1 16
H B Thombs.....	1 52
George Richardson.....	2 00
Luther Bowden.....	44
H B Thombs, snow.....	89
Warren Bevan.....	1 00
W C Perry.....	10 86
Ray Howard.....	1 11
Arthur Conner.....	55
Harry Macomber.....	6 05
B F Steele.....	4 89
overdraw 1915-16.....	2 30

Total expenditures.....	\$482 76
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Balance unexpended.....	\$94 54
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STATE-AID HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance as per highway commission statement.....	\$ 19
Appropriated by town 1916-17	533 00
Received from State.....	521 91
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	\$1,055 10

EXPENDITURES.

Pd. Penn Metal Co	\$ 83 98
W E Ordway.....	127 60
Charles Wilson.....	71 65
G C Witham.....	58 01
F H Butler.....	81 20
Daniel Blake.....	52 20
R B Wardwell.....	31 28
Geo W Perkins	58 92
J E Bowden	50 04
Carl V Perkins.....	61 46
E L Redman.....	37 35
W H Hooper.....	19 45
J Wesley Bowden.....	21 00
Bradley Morgrage	49 80
James Hatch	2 00
Paul W Wescott.....	21 66
Albert Webster.....	22 00

Wm F Dunbar	19 67	
Duncan Dunbar.....	36 00	
C Ward Leach.....	31 78	
Pearl Danforth	4 22	
E C Bowden	31 17	
Malcolm Wardwell.....	13 00	
Neil Wardwell.....	50 66	
Littleton Webster	7 19	
A R Bowden.....	7 50	
Harry Butler	5 21	
Gerald Day	13 00	
Charles E Greene	3 81	
J E Dority.....	8 50	
A W Clark.....	1 36	
J M Vogell, agent	2 05	
	<hr/>	\$1,084 72
Overdrawn.....		<hr/> \$29 62 <hr/>

STATE-AID ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Appropriated	\$105 00
Pd. State for patrol.....	98 10
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Balance to new account.....	\$6 90 <hr/>

PATROL MAINTENANCE.

Statement of the expenditures for patrol maintenance in the year 1916:

Estimated number of miles under patrol maintenance, 9:

Joint fund		\$641 90
Patrolman's wages.....	\$491 34	
Cost of extra help...	98 25	
Cost of material.....	52 01	641 60
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Unexpended balance.....		30

The following work was done:

Cutting bushes.....	\$ 61 36
Dragging.....	76 98
Raking rocks	32 57
Work with road machine.....	13 50
Cleaning ditches and culverts....	49 78
End walls and culverts	8 60
Surfacing, gravel.....	398 81
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	\$641 60 <hr/>

Cost of inspection, \$26 50.

PHILIP J. DEERING,
WILLIAM M. DYER,
FRANK A. PEABODY.

State Highway Commission.

HIGHWAY SPECIAL—NORTH CASTINE.

Amount transferred from automobile road account by vote
of town..... \$390 45

EXPENDITURES.

Pd W H Hooper.....	\$ 1 50	
Irvin L Conner.....	5 44	
W E Ordway.....	42 86	
Wm F Dunbar.....	17 00	
F E Witham.....	25 42	
R B Wardwell.....	24 15	
G C Witham.....	28 97	
C Ward Leach.....	17 90	
A K Dodge.....	5 45	
Penn Metal Co, culvert.....	19 40	
No East Metal Culvert Co, culvert.....	22 28	
Charles Wilson.....	24 00	
Neil Wardwell.....	18 00	
Duncan Dunbar.....	16 00	
F H Butler.....	7 00	
Daniel Blake.....	8 00	
E B West.....	39 70	
George M Perkins..	26 60	
J W Bowden.....	12 50	
E C Bowden.....	12 50	
C V Perkins.....	12 00	
Walter Wilson.....	11 00	
J M Vogell, agt.....	1 85	
	<hr/>	399 52
Overdrawn.....		<hr/> \$9 07 <hr/>

WATERING TROUGH AT MORSE'S COVE.

Appropriated		\$60 00
Pd. W H Hooper, cement.....	\$2 50	
E W Perkins, pipe and labor	45 27	
Walter Wilson, labor.....	7 00	
Charles Witham, labor.....	7 23	
Littleton Webster, labor.....	4 00	
J W Bowden, team.....	1 00	
W P Hooper, trucking	1 50	
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Overdrawn		<hr/> \$8 50 <hr/>

The cause of the overdraw in this account was the increase in price of material in comparison to what the estimate was in March.

PUBLIC GROUNDS.

RECEIPTS.

Raised for deficiency 1915-16	\$ 8 43
Received from Hudson Devereux est.....	8 00
Mrs J W Grindle.....	80 00
Harry Collins.....	12 00
E S Noyes	10 00
Mrs Amos Perkins.....	12 00
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	\$130 43

EXPENDITURES.

Pd. overdraw 1915-16.....	\$ 8 43
W H Hooper	50
Castine Water Co.....	10 00
Vogell & Morey, Fort Madison steps.....	17 37
C W Richardson.....	84
F A Perkins.....	2 00
Dwight Staples.....	3 10
T E Hale	1 50
Leon Littlefield.....	12 00
R B Brown Co.....	1 04
W H Bevan	1 56
A W Clark	1 60
F R Perkins.....	15 00
Bert Grindle.....	11 65
C W Harper.....	2 00
Melvern Grindle.....	8 55
Alva Clement.....	13 10
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	\$110 24
Balance to new account.....	<hr/>
	\$20 19

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND DRAINS.

RECEIPTS.

Raised for deficiency 1915-16.....	\$ 261 15
Appropriated.....	1,500 00
G B Linnard, sale of pipe	22 25
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	\$1,783 40

EXPENDITURES.

Pd. overdraw 1915-16	\$ 261 15
State for patrol unimproved roads.....	343 80
road commissioner's orders.....	1,209 40
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	\$1,814 35
Overdrawn	<hr/>
	\$30 95

SIDEWALKS.

RECEIPTS.

Raised for deficiency 1915-16	\$ 35 10
Appropriated	300 00
Dyer street.....	85 00
Received from school repair account.....	22 00
A B Conner, Main street walk.....	2 00
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	\$444 10

EXPENDITURES.

	Repair plank walks.	Main St.	Dyer St.	School St.	Court St.
H H Grindle.....	\$ 2 25	\$ 4 50
Bert C Bowden.....	11 19	\$ 4 22	\$ 2 90	4 43	....
W H Bevan.....	7 50	17 00	12 87	11 82	....
W H Hooper, lumber, cement..	26 50	....	....	....	....
	....	68 77	23 92	57 16	....
C A Bevan	4 50	....	....	....	....
R B Brown Co	1 22	....	....	75	....
J H Norton.....	....	3 50	1 25	2 85	....
H B Thombs	95	....	....	....	....
Vogell & Morey	11 86	....	....	....	....
F A Perkins.....	9 32	....	....	....	....
A W Clark	60	1 21	30	....	....
F C Perkins	1 25	5 44	3 56	....	....
J Walter Weeks.....	1 64	....	....	....	....
F H Bowden .....	....	6 00	3 33	4 22	....
W P Hooper.....	....	2 75	1 20	2 00	....
Warren Bevan .....	....	10 45	9 78	....	....
C W Harper .....	....	4 00	5 11	7 89	....
J C M Gardner .....	....	11 05	6 27	8 00	....
Alva Clement.....	4 00	5 33	8 83
T E Hale	6 00	75	4 75
C F Clark, sand.....	2 00	1 00	1 60
L M Perkins est	3 00
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	\$78 78	\$146 39	\$77 57	\$118 80	\$3 00
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Overdrawn					\$15 54
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SEWERS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1915-16		\$103 70
L M Perkins, entrance Water st sewer		10 00
Repairs:		
H B Thombs	\$4 20	
R B Brown Co	87	
W H Hooper	2 15	
F H Bowden	1 00	
J C M Gardner	2 00	
Luther Bowden	56	
W H Bevan	56	
J H Norton	1 10	
	<hr/>	\$12 44
Appropriated Hubbard sewer		200 00
Pd Robert Conner	4 11	
W H Hooper, cement	2 38	
J H Norton	1 00	
Wm Finch	2 46	
G W Bowden	2 45	
C W Harper	4 11	
Luther Bowden	2 45	
F C Perkins	4 11	
Clifford Finch	2 35	
Alva Clement	3 76	
Geo E Hall	3 55	
Melvern Grindle	2 45	
Bert Grindle	2 45	
Carl Lewis	2 44	
W H Bevan	4 00	
Jacob Marion	3 12	
J C M Gardner	3 75	
Cooper & Co, pipe	45 60	
J M Vogell, agt	4 55	
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Appropriated Court st sewer		500 00
F A Douglass, entrance fee		10 00
labor		4 00
Alva Clement, "		1 00
Pd, Luther Bowden	12 00	
F H Bowden	2 00	
Charles Norton	35 75	
J C M Gardner	5 50	
Colby Gray	1 20	

Alva Clement.....	35 00		
F C Perkins.....	32 78		
F R Perkins.....	20 21		
Melvorn Grindle.....	32 89		
Bert Grindle.....	33 34		
W H Bevan.....	46 61		
Bert C Bowden	38 34		
Cooper & Co, pipe.....	186 72		
W H Hooper.....	30 27		
R B Brown Co.....	25		
Bangor Machinery Co.....	12 00		
Raymond Morey....	8 02	532 88	
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Appropriated Tarratine Ave sewer..			500 00
Pd. Robert Conner.....	14 00		
W H Hooper.....	25 72		
Wm Finch.....	15 56		
G W Bowden.....	16 67		
C W Harper	18 00		
Luther Bowden	16 67		
F C Perkins.....	16 67		
Clifford Finch.....	14 89		
Alva Clement.....	19 76		
G E Hall	6 00		
Melvorn Grindle.....	11 79		
Bert Grindle.....	11 89		
Carl Lewis	13 34		
W H Bevan	23 00		
W P Hooper.....	15		
Jacob Marion.....	14 00		
Bert C Bowden.....	45		
James Hatch.....	15 78		
Colby Gray	1 70		
Cooper & Co, pipe.....	139 84		
Horace Leach	16 66		
J H Norton.....	1 20		
H B Thombs.....	1 50		
F H Bowden	2 00		
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Battle Avenue sewer 1915-16 bill ..		417 24	
Appropriated Water St sewer		4 00	
			300 00
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			\$1628 70
			1067 65
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Balance unexpended.....			\$561 05
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After investigation and talking with the property-owners on Water street, the selectmen decided that the construction of a sewer in this section was not necessary and that it could not be built with the amount of money appropriated. We would advise that the \$300 appropriated for this purpose be transferred to the sidewalk account and a sidewalk constructed in this part of the town, as it is needed very much.

SNOW.

Balance from 1915-16.....	\$ 59 93
Appropriated.....	150 00
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	\$209 93
Pd road commissioner's orders.....	621 07
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Overdrawn.....	\$411 14
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WITHERLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

MAINTENANCE.

Balance from 1915-16.....	\$ 61 94
Appropriated	300 00
Interest from M J Abbott trust fund.....	25 00
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	\$386 94
Paid orders library trustees.....	362 55
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Balance to new account	\$24 39
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INCREASE.

Balance from 1915-16.....	\$ 2 05
Appropriated	93 80
Received from State.....	50 62
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	\$146 47
Paid orders library trustees	141 70
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Balance to new account.....	\$4 77
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DELINQUENT TAX-PAYERS.

Pearl Colson	\$3 00	David Dunbar	3 00
William Gray	3 00	Charles Howard	3 00
Charles H. Perkins	7 22	Charles F Sawyer	3 73
Fred Sawyer	1 07	George Webster	3 00
		R A Weed	2 90

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Raised for deficiency	\$ 120 02
Appropriated.....	1,600 00
From State	500 00
tuition	60 00
rent of typewriters.....	11 75
J M Vogell	6 46
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	\$2,298 23
Paid orders of superintendent.....	2,383 51
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Overdrawn	\$85 28
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COMMON SCHOOLS.

Balance from 1915-16	\$205 45
Appropriated.....	500 00
Common school fund.....	933 40
School and mill fund.....	903 27
Interest on school fund	50 00
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Total expenditures.....	\$2,592 12
Paid orders of superintendent.....	\$2,576 90
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Balance to new account.....	\$15 22

SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS.

Rec'd for deficiency 1915-16.....	\$183 67
Appropriated.....	300 00
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	\$483 66
Paid orders of superintendent	\$1,004 14
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Overdrawn	520 47
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TEXT-BOOKS.

Raised for deficiency 1915-16.....	\$4 93
Appropriated	250 00
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	\$254 93
Paid orders of superintendent	254 13
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Balance to new account.....	80
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INSURANCE, APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES.

Raised for deficiency 1915-16	\$131 63
Appropriated	200 00
Boyd Bartlett.....	42 59
Town of Brooksville.....	15 00
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	389 22
Paid orders of superintendent	387 40
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Balance to new account.....	\$1 82
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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Balance from 1915-16.....	\$ 3 65
Appropriated	133 33
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	\$136 98
Paid orders of superintendent	138 98
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Overdrawn	\$2 00
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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS. To Feb. 28, 1917.

	Received	Paid	Over	Balance
Support of poor	\$ 929 00	\$1,003 87	\$74 87
Current expense.....	1,591 26	1,839 60	248 34	.....
Interest.....	295 21	190 14	.....	105 07
Emerson Hall.....	325 95	596 21	270 26	.....
Memorial day.....	75 00	75 00	.....	.....
Street lights	550 00	525 00	.....	25 00
Hydrant rental.....	900 00	900 00	.....	.....
Fire department.....	575 00	480 46	.....	94 54
State-aid road (maint).....	105 00	98 10	.....	6 90
Highway (No Castine).....	390 45	399 52	9 07	.....
Watering trough.....	60 00	68 50	8 50	.....
Public grounds.....	130 43	110 24	.....	20 19
Highways, bridges and drains ..	1,783 40	1,814 35	30 95	.....
Sidewalks.....	409 00	424 54	15 54	.....
Sewers.....	1,628 17	1,067 65	.....	561 05
Snow.....	209 93	621 07	411 14	.....
Library (maint).....	386 94	362 55	.....	24 39
increase	146 47	141 70	.....	4 77
Free high school.....	2,178 21	2,383 51	85 28	.....
Common schools.....	2,592 12	2,576 90	.....	15 22
School repairs.....	300 00	820 47	520 47	.....
Text books.....	250 00	249 20	.....	80
Insurance and supplies.....	257 59	255 77	.....	1 82
Superintendent schools.....	136 98	138 98	2 00	.....
Amount overdrawn.....				<u>\$1,676 52</u>

The annual town meeting will be held at Emerson hall on Monday, March 19, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

The selectmen will be in session at their office at 8 o'clock in the forenoon to revise the list of voters, and transact any other necessary business.

G. E. PARSONS,
ROBERT CROSGROVE,
W. E. ORDWAY,

Selectmen, assessors and overseers of poor.

REPORT OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER.

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND DRAINS.

Raised for deficiency 1915-16	\$ 261 15
Appropriated.....	1,500 00
G B Linnard, paid for pipe.....	22 25
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	\$1,783 40

EXPENDITURES.

Pd. Robert Conner	\$ 16 66
W H Bevan, self and team.....	179 92
Warren Bevan.....	25 34
Geo M Perkins	2 00
Charles Witham	2 00
Geo W Bowden	11 89
Carl Lewis	2 61
C W Harper.....	13 88
Luther Bowden.....	34 92
R A Weed	12 56
Clifford Finch.....	13 34
J F Clark	47 25
Melvorn Grindle.....	69 01
H H Grindle, team	100 75
Bert C Bowden	70 79
James Kelley.....	2 10
F C Perkins.....	52 65
W H Hooper, team and material.....	108 36
Bert Grindle.....	39 87
W P Hooper, team.....	62 92
Charles F Clark, gravel.....	15 80
Irvin Conner.....	5 78
W E Ordway, self and team	41 17
Wm F Dunbar.....	21 81
Frank F. Witham	18 09
R B Wardwell	13 65
A K Dodge.....	1 00
G C Witham.....	5 77
C Ward Leach	7 00
R B Brown Co, material	97
C M Conant Co, blade for road machine	8 50
J H Norton.....	11 70
Colby Gray	5 35
Alva Clement.....	4 30

Dwight Staples	33 18
T E Hale, team.....	74 49
F A Douglass	1 55
Vogell & Morey	8 38
C L Sawyer.....	19 50
James Hatch.....	10 33
Justus Staples.....	4 00
Harry B Thombs.....	2 25
Ernest Webster.....	2 45
J E Bowden	3 00
Charles Norton.....	2 45
Cooper & Co, pipe	12 00
George Bowden.....	4 33
Fred Sawyer.....	88
A W Clark, material	90
State of Maine, patrol of unimproved roads ..	343 80

\$1,553 20

Overdrawn 1915-16.....

261 15

\$1,814 35

Overdrawn

\$ 30 95

SNOW.

Balance from 1915-16.....	\$ 59 93
Appropriated.....	150 00

\$209 93

Pd. R B Wardwell.....	\$ 6 87
A K Dodge.....	6 43
Wm F Dunbar.....	2 94
F R Perkins.....	2 98
C Ward Leach.....	3 88
W E Ordway.....	14 24
G C Witham.....	10 31
F E Witham.....	1 43
Robert Conner.....	23 21
R M Gray.....	6 76
J A Morey.....	13 51
Ernest Webster.....	1 33
H H Grindle.....	16 00
C W Norton.....	1 33
Melvern Grindle..	1 00
Frank Moore.....	2 33

M H Conner	13 12
S A Morey	9 06
Wm Gray	7 55
Harry Butler	2 21
C J Harmon	1 28
C H Perkins	5 11
Warren Bevan	13 69
Bert C Bowden	37 26
Bernard Sawyer	5 35
Geo W Bowden	7 00
W H Bevan	44 97
J F Clark	4 00
W P Hooper	69 91
James Kelley	19 71
James Hatch	18 64
C V Perkins	8 11
F H Butler	5 66
Bradley Morgrage	4 54
Charles Wilson	3 33
A R Bowden	8 43
J W Bowden	3 56
George M Perkins	12 11
J E Dority	15 63
Roy Bowden	6 19
Robert Bowden	6 42
E L Redmen	5 75
Clarence Danforth	2 86
Norman Grindle	1 78
M J Harmon	3 49
Raymond Morey	1 81
William Coombs	60
Luther Bowden	1 78
Frank Elliott	2 18
Gilman Parsons	78
C F Clark, sand	2 00
Lewis Staples	1 00
Carl Dunbar	87
C S Webster	4 89
Rodger Danforth	90
C W Richardson	1 55
G F Harmon	1 00
Joel Perkins	1 55
Ashley Leach	1 00
Jacob Marion	89

Harry Bowden	56
F C Perkins.....	44
A C Coombs.....	2 64
Fred Sawyer	1 76
Leander C Perkins	1 33
Hugh Varnum	1 00
Bowden Bros.....	2 78
Richard Conner.....	3 88
Littleton Webster.....	1 33
Max Leach	1 66
Charles Witham	4 27
Horace Leach.....	6 00
J E Bowden	8 20
P W Wescott.....	9 00
C A Morey	6 32
T E Hale.....	4 00
Vogell & Morey, repairs, snow plow	3 60
S W Cash, painting "	1 70
J H Norton	2 35
Colby Gray	2 38
Walter L Wilson.....	1 00
C A Bevan	6 47
George Bowden	3 43
George McKinnon.....	2 56
Porter Webster.....	1 89
Ray Howard	3 34
E H Webster	11 56
Dwight Perkins	4 00
H P Lowell.....	5 33
Clarence Wardwell.....	3 43
Neil Wardwell.....	72
J C M Gardner.....	5 58
I L Conner.....	3 00
I L Conner, jr	1 22
Malcolm Wardwell.....	3 88
Fred Conner.....	2 22
Alva Clement	1 76
K P Parker.....	60
Harold Perkins.....	1 78
Arthur Conner	2 94
W J Morey.....	1 76
Albion Sawyer	2 33

Overdrawn.....

621 07

\$411 14

SIDEWALKS.

Raised for deficiency 1915-16	\$ 35 10
Amount available.....	409 00
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	\$444 10
Paid out on various sidewalks	459 64
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Overdrawn	\$15 14
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For detailed account see selectmen's report.

SEWER ACCOUNT.

Amount available for this account.....	\$1,628 70
paid out on various sewers.....	1,067 65
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To new account.....	\$567 05

For detailed account see selectmen's report.

W H BEVAN,
Road commissioner.

TAX-COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Amount committed.....	\$17,436 88
Supplementary tax—William Finch.....	3 00

\$17,439 88

Abated:

C L & T Co.....	\$290 00
Mrs Frank Hooke.....	7 97
Fred Dvnham.....	3 00
Rosmar Devereux.....	3 00
Charles Lewis.....	3 00
Julian Webber.....	3 00
Wilbur Ward.....	2 90
Leon Bakeman.....	73
Mrs C A Gott.....	2 90
Maynard Douglass	3 00
Harry Sawyer.....	3 00

\$322 50

Uncollected:

Pearl Colson.....	3 00
David Dunbar.....	3 00
William Gray.....	3 00
Charles Howard.....	3 00
Charles H Perkins.....	7 22
Charles F Sawyer.....	3 73
Fred Sawyer.....	1 09
George Webster.....	3 00
R A Weed.....	2 90

29 94

352 44

\$17,087 44

Interest on delinquent taxes.....	79 44
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Paid to treasurer.....	\$17,166 88
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S W CASH, Collector.

Feb 28, 1917.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

Balance from last year		\$218 29
State:		
Pauper account	\$446 50	
Free library	50 62	
Dog tax refunded	26 60	
School and mill fund	903 27	
Common school "	933 40	
R R & Tel tax	85 59	
Free high school	500 00	
Highway improvement	521 91	
Pensions	270 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,737 89
Temporary loans		3,850 00
Public grounds:		
Hudson Devereux	\$8 00	
Mrs J W Grindle	80 00	
Harry Collins	12 00	
Mrs Amos Perkins	12 00	
E S Noyes	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$122 00
Tuition:		
Truman Gray	\$30 00	
Clifford Cummings	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$60 00
Interest:		
City National bank	\$32 54	
Samuel Adams, jr, fund	3 00	
Jas Owen "	2 25	
Isadore Cornwallis "	1 75	
Samuel Hooper "	2 00	
Josiah S Hatch "	2 50	
G W Perkins "	2 75	
Margaret Abbott "	2 25	
Uriah Bowden "	1 75	
Orinda Benson "	2 00	
School fund	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$102 79
Sewers:		
L M Perkins estate	\$10 00	
F A Douglass	10 00	
" labor	4 00	
Alvah Clements	1 00	
	<hr/>	25 00

F S Perkins, dog tax.....	78 00
Melvorn Grindle.....	28 00
Clifford Finch.....	1 00
S J Colson est.....	1 00
G B Linnard, highway.....	22 25
School street sidewalk	22 00
M J Abbott est, library maintenance	25 00
Town of Brooksville, school seats	15 00
Boyd Bartlett, typewriter.....	42 59
A B Conner, Main street sidewalk	2 00
Rent of typewriters.....	9 75
F C Hatch, wharf permit.....	5 00
R B Brown Co.....	13
Emerson Hall	280 95
From S W Cash, collector	17,166 88
Brown-tail moth account.....	59 46
	<u>\$25,874 98</u>

Due on pensions, \$90.

CR.

Pd. selectmen's orders.....	\$21,290 09	
State tax.....	2,946 34	
County.....	686 78	
Dog tax, 1916	78 00	
def, 1915.....	4 00	
Highway patrol.....	441 90	
State pensions.....	360 00	
Cash to balance.....	67 87	
	<u>67 87</u>	<u>25,874 98</u>

Feb 28, 1917.

STEPHEN W. CASH,
Treasurer.

REPORT

OF

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

I have the honor of submitting my fourth annual report as superintendent of schools.

I shall take up the following subjects briefly in order that you may get a clear idea of the work done during the year in the educational department:

1. Common schools.
2. High school.
3. Text-books.
4. Repairs.
5. Recommendations.

Owing to sickness, the attendance at the common schools has been very irregular. The teachers have worked very hard during the year and their results have been very gratifying.

Just a few words to parents and citizens in regard to attendance:

You are, or ought to be, fully aware that the law states that all children between the ages of seven and fifteen years must attend school every day school is in session, unless hindered by sickness.

This law is founded upon the principle that no person has a right to rear children in ignorance to destroy the foundation of the state, the corner-stone of which is liberty, and the very soul of liberty is education.

The State department insists that this law be enforced, not to persecute anybody or to bring hardship upon any-

one, but to insure the forward march of civilization and educational progress.

You, as parents and citizens, must be as well aware of the fact as I am, that a child who is allowed to grow up in ignorance becomes an apt pupil in vice and pauperism, and as a principle of loyalty to your town and State you should do everything in your power to suppress this danger of vice and pauperism, which is bound to be the ultimate result if you do not send your children to school regularly. Again, there are several children in this town over fifteen years of age, who ought at least attend school long enough to be graduated from the common schools.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The enrollment at the high school is larger than it has been for years. A further report, by the principal, will be found on another page.

TEXT-BOOKS.

The schools have been supplied with all text-books necessary. New music books and geographies have been added. I recommend a change of physiologies for the ensuing year.

REPAIRS.

Extensive repairs have been made at the grammar and high school buildings. A new hardwood floor has been laid at the primary room. Both buildings have been thoroughly renovated, the walls and ceilings thoroughly washed, painted and kalsomined. All the rooms have been supplied with new curtains. The toilet rooms have been put in a sanitary condition. A concrete walk has been placed in front of the grammar school building, and new railings at the grammar and primary school entries. A large number of seats and blackboards has been installed at the high school building.

Although there has been a large overdraw in this department, yet these repairs are permanent, and very little money will need to be raised in the future for repairs.

These two buildings have in the past been in a dilapidated and unsanitary condition, but at present the citizens should feel proud that their children can receive their education in well-lighted, thoroughly sanitary and up-to-date schoolrooms.

During the past four years it has been my ambition to put all the school buildings of Castine in good sanitary condition, by making permanent repairs instead of using the appropriations for patchwork repairs, so at the present time every school building in Castine has been thoroughly renovated and repaired, and ought to last for at least ten years.

Now it seems to me that the citizens might take at least one-half a day each term to visit the schools in order that they might be in position to judge conditions fairly.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

- 1—I recommend the high and grammar school buildings be painted outside, as they need it badly.
- 2—I recommend that the unsanitary conditions of the toilet rooms at the Steele school be remedied in some way, either by separating these toilet rooms from the main building or installing chemical closets.
- 3—Owing to the tremendous advance in the prices of paper and supplies, I hardly feel justified in asking the town to appropriate the amount necessary to supply the schools the ensuing year.

4—I recommend the following appropriations :

Common schools,	600.00
High school,	1,600.00
Repairs,	100.00
Painting high and grammar schools,	250.00
Insurance and apparatus,	200.00
Text-books,	200.00

In closing, I wish heartily to thank the superintending school committee and citizens for the courteous treatment accorded me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

WINFRED E. CLARK,

Superintendent of Schools.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.

By appropriation	\$500 00
school and mill fund	903 27
common school fund	933 40
balance from last year	205 47
interest on school fund	50 00
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Total receipts	\$2,592 14

EXPENDITURES.

Paid teachers:

Alice Bishop	\$140 00	
Dorothy Lorentson	126 00	
M Sanford Coombs	9 00	
Carolyn Silsby	450 00	
Edna Harquain	350 00	
Sarita Blake	207 00	
Annie Dunbar	230 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,512 00

Janitors:

Fred Perkins	\$101 00	
Wesley Dority	10 00	
Emery Witham	15 00	
W J Patterson	9 00	
Oscar Butler	5 00	
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Fuel:

Castine Coal Co & R B Brown Co	\$225 25	
Roy Bowden	2 00	
Oscar Butler	50	
W E Ordway	25 00	
	<hr/>	249 75

Conveyance:

W H Hooper	375 15
Paid to model school	300 00
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Total expenditure for common schools,

2,576 90

Balance unexpended

\$15 24

HIGH SCHOOL.

RECEIPTS.

Rec'd appropriation.....	\$1,600 00
State stipend	500 00
Truman Gray.....	30 00
Clifford Cummings.....	30 00
J M Vogell.....	6 46
rent of typewriters.....	11 75
Total receipts.....	<u>\$2,178 21</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Pd. Chas F Leadbetter.....	\$ 933 32	
Helen Allen.....	213 91	
Louise Cousins	420 00	
Mrs E E Philbrook.....	30 60	
Muriel DeBeck.....	213 88	
Elizabeth Danahy.....	106 94	
Expenses of procuring teachers.....	15 00	
	<u>1,933 65</u>	
Pd. janitors:		
Fred Perkins.....	101 00	
W J Patterson.....	3 50	
Parker & Wescott.....	1 85	
	<u>106 35</u>	
For fuel		
Castine Coal Co & R B Brown Co,	222 24	
Doak & Patterson, legal advice,	1 25	
	<u>223 49</u>	
Total expenditures.....		<u>2,263 49</u>
Overdrawn		<u>\$85 28</u>

SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS.

RECEIPTS.

Rec'd appropriation	\$300 00
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EXPENDITURES.

R B Brown Co, material.....	\$ 16 94
F A Perkins, labor.....	9 30
Mary Witham, "	2 75
W H Hooper, material.....	129 61
Gilman Parsons, labor.....	1 00
J C M Gardiner, "	14 00
A W Clark, material	43 09

J L Hammett & Co, material.....	15 10
Justus Staples, labor.....	4 42
Frank W Bowden, ".....	64 73
J M Vogell, paint, etc.....	58 07
W A Walker, material.....	1 75
Charlie Norton, labor.....	19 13
Luther Bowden, ".....	17 89
Harry Bowden, ".....	22 89
Vogell & Morey, ".....	9 10
F S Perkins, ".....	115 72
C W Richardson, ".....	47 50
S W Cash, ".....	25 77
Ernest Webster, ".....	4 00
J L Hammett & Co, material.....	28 47
Chas L Sawyer, labor.....	3 50
C W Richardson, ".....	5 00
Colby Gray, ".....	2 75
Mrs Daniel Blake, ".....	3 50
Noyes & Nutter, material.....	2 75
Chas Wilson, labor.....	3 00
Frank S Perkins, labor.....	11 25
W H Bevan, laying concrete walk.....	22 00
Harry Thombs, labor.....	1 46
R B Wardwell.....	2 00
Chas R Perkins, labor.....	2 50
Harry Thombs, ".....	2 45
R B Brown, material.....	1 36
Warren Hooper, labor.....	4 35
A W Clark, material.....	2 88
H N Grindle, curtains.....	42 91
W H Hooper, material.....	12 60
Frank Bowden, labor.....	19 83
Chas Wilson, ".....	2 00
J M Vogell, material.....	4 40
E W Perkins, material, etc.....	16 75

Total expenditures

820 47

Overdrawn.....

\$520 47

APPARATUS, INSURANCE AND SUPPLIES.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated.....	\$200 00
Boyd Bartlett	42 59
Town of Brooksville.....	15 00
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Total receipts.....	\$257 59

EXPENDITURES.

Pd. Charles Wilson	\$ 45
J L Hammett & Co, supplies	33 90
Castine Water Co	60 00
D H Knowlton Co, supplies.....	3 00
L E Knott & Co, apparatus.....	19 87
W J Clark, jr, supplies.....	2 86
Howard & Brown, diplomas	5 15
Underwood Typewriter Co.....	10 00
Remington Typewriter Co.....	25 00
W A Ricker, rent of piano; etc	36 37
E Julian Seybt, printing.....	6 50
L C Smith & Bros	40 00
E E Babb & Co, supplies.....	1 96
Educational Specialty Co.....	2 61
H N Grindle, supplies	3 59
W J Patterson, supplies.....	66
W A Walker, supplies.....	1 00
R B Brown Co, supplies.....	1 90
American Express Co.....	95
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Total expenditures.....	255 77
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Balance unexpended	\$1 82
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TEXT-BOOKS.

RECEIPTS:

Rec'd appropriation.....	\$250 00
Pd D C Heath & Co	\$ 4 74
Isaac Pitman & Sons.....	20 13
Silver, Burdett & Co.....	88 25
School Improvement League.....	6 40
C C Birchard & Co.....	2 02
W H Hooper.....	1 75
Comstock Publishing Co.....	12 00

American Express Co	1 59	
J L Hammett & Co.....	17 45	
Allyn & Bacon	21 60	
Ginn & Co.....	16 69	
American Book Co.....	21 27	
L E Knott & Co.....	7 15	
Houghton, Mifflin Co.....	1 60	
Silver, Burdett & Co.....	26 56	
Total expenditures.....	<u> </u>	249 20
Balance unexpended.....		<u> </u> \$ 80

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

RECEIPTS.

Rec'd appropriation.....	\$133 33
Balance from last year.....	3 65
Total receipts.....	<u> </u> \$136 98

EXPENDITURES.

Pd. superintendent's salary.....	\$133 33	
Telephones and telegrams.....	5 65	
Total expenditures.....	<u> </u>	138 98
Overdrawn.....		<u> </u> \$2 00

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL.

To W. E. Clark, Superintendent of Schools:

The enrollment at the high school this year has been the largest we have ever had, divided as follows:

Seniors,		10
Juniors,		18
Sophomores,		15
Freshmen,		20
By courses	college course	commercial
Seniors,	1	9
Juniors,	8	10
Sophomores,	10	5
Freshmen,	13	7
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	32	31

Of this number, only three pupils are from other towns, making the number of Castine pupils sixty. In addition to the above, we have had two former graduates come back this year to pursue some additional special work.

Although there have been two changes in assistants during the year, due to the resignations of Miss Allen and Miss DeBeck, instruction has gone on with very little interruption, and there has been no break in the continuity of the work.

The repairs made on the interior of the building last summer have been much appreciated, the blackboards that were added, both upstairs and down, having proved especially helpful. The additional desks put in down stairs, together with the chairs, have made it possible to

use the lower floor as an assembly room, thus avoiding the necessity of moving the piano up and down stairs, an operation that has always proved disastrous both to piano and stairway.

Attendance during the year has been very satisfactory. Notwithstanding sickness during the winter term, due to the prevalence of mumps, not more than two or three have been absent at a time on that account.

We especially urge upon the parents the importance of pupils being promptly on hand at the opening of all school sessions. The too common appearance at school a few minutes late, for trifling reasons, is not only a serious interruption to the work of the school, and an annoyance to the teachers, but it marks the formation of slack and shiftless habits on the part of the offenders, which are sure to be carried into other relations in life and become a handicap to any kind of success later. We ought to have less tardy marks in our reports, and I think a more concerted effort to this end would bring it about.

Our janitor service has been very satisfactory throughout the year. We have been comfortable during the coldest weather, and have lost no time on account of being unable to warm the building. The present winter has been quite a severe test in this respect.

In closing, I express my appreciation of the hearty co-operation of assistant teachers, superintendent, school board and citizens generally, in all matters pertaining to the interests of the school during the year. This has made the year a very pleasant one for the teachers and, I trust, a profitable one for the pupils.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. LEADBETTER,

Principal.

REPORT
OF
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The foregoing report has been examined by us, and its statements and recommendations receive our approval.

Emphasizing one point in the report, we urge parents to visit the schools as often as possible, and so inform themselves at first hand about conditions as they are, encourage and sustain the teachers, and co-operate with them as far as possible in their work. The success of the schools depends more largely than we are apt to realize upon the moral support they receive from the homes.

In this connection, we would remind parents that their children in the higher grades, and especially in the high school, cannot accomplish the results expected of them, in most cases, without regular and serious study at home, and to this end outside diversions during the school week should be carefully restricted. The importance of regular hours of study and of sleep cannot be too strongly emphasized.

We take this occasion to express to superintendent and teachers our appreciation of their efforts during the past year.

BOYD BARTLETT,
F. W. BOWDEN,
E. E. LEACH,
School Committee.

REPORT
OF
TRUSTEES OF WITHERLE MEMORIAL
LIBRARY.

To the Citizens of Castine:

We have received, since our last report, a permanent fund of \$1,000 through the will of the late Miss Margaret Abbott, the interest on which is to be applied to the needs of the library, at the discretion of the trustees. We accept this gratefully, and believe it shows an increasing interest in this valuable civic institution.

Gifts of books for the year are as follows: Mr. Henry Cunningham, 19; Mrs. Elenor Johnson, 5; Miss Dorothy Blake and Mrs. Robert Haines, 4 each; Mrs. Arthur Patterson, 3; Mrs. Parmly and Mrs. Nugent, 2 each; Mr. Fred Smith, Mrs. Twining Mr. Wilbur Ward, 1 each—a total of 44 volumes.

The Castine Woman's club gave a year subscription to *Boy's Life*, *Popular Mechanics*, and the *National Geographic Magazine*.

Shrubs for lawn were presented by the Camp Fire Girls.

On deposits by summer guests, \$14 was returned. Fines on over-due books yielded \$12.

Magazines were donated by Mrs. Henry Cunningham, Miss Eustis and Miss Van Hise.

We extend to all these friends of the library and the town our sincere thanks. Loaned during the year, 5,682 books.

We recommend for increase for the coming year a sum equal to 35 cents on a poll, and for maintenance, \$300.

LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

MAINTENANCE.

DR.

To bal from 1915-16.....	\$ 61 94
interest from the Margaret Abbott fund.....	25 00
cash appropriated by town.....	300 00
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	\$386 94

CR.

Pd. Castine Coal Co.....	\$100 50	
Castine Water Co.....	15 00	
Castine Gas Co.....	29 00	
W H Hooper, wood	21 10	
Katherine Davenport, librarian.....	100 00	
E Julian Seybt, supplies.....	3 00	
R B Brown Co "	5 85	
W J Patterson, "	3 63	
A W Clark, "	27	
H N Grindle, "	30	
T E Hale, wood.....	2 00	
W H Hooper, trucking.....	1 05	
F A Perkins, janitor.....	80 00	
W P Hooper, trucking....	85	
Balance to new account.....	24 39	
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		\$386 94

INCREASE ACCOUNT.

DR.

To bal from 1915.....	\$ 2 05
appropriated by town, 35c poll tax.....	93 80
cash received from State.....	50 62
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	\$146 47

CR.

Pd. W A Ricker, books.....	\$141 70	
balance to new account.....	4 77	
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		\$146 47

SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

DR.

To cash on hand Mch 1, 1916.....	\$70 22
from summer visitors 1916.....	14 00
payment of fines 1916.....	12 00
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	\$96 22

CR.

Pd. library bureau	\$ 3 18	
“ “	2 86	
Liquid veneer	25	
W P Hooper, dressing.....	1 00	
Repairs on library clock.....	1 50	
Federation Women's Club book.....	1 50	
Sprague's Journal Maine history.....	6 75	
Balance on hand March 1, 1917.....	79 18	
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THE ANNIE GAY PAGE FUND.

DR.

To int received from Belfast Savings Bank.....	\$21 15
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CR.

By paid W A Ricker, special books.....	<hr/> 21 15
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Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD E. PHILBROOK

GEORGE E. PARSONS

WILLIAM A. WALKER

AMY C. WITHERLE

GERTRUDE E. LEWIS

Trustees.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Inspection resulted in the finding of fewer fire menaces this year than last. Two buildings were condemned, but as yet the owners have not complied with the order to repair or remove them.

The fire department was called out to four fires, and in no case did the fire spread beyond the building in which it started, though in two the building was almost completely destroyed. In both these cases there was considerable delay in giving the alarm. This delay could be done away with by installing the mechanical bell-striker, which we have an opportunity to buy at a very low price, through the agency of Mr. Charles E. Randall, who has offered to install it for us.

This machine is run by a weight, and can be fixed so that it may be released by a light battery current from any number of switch-boxes that we may care to put in. We recommend, however, that a switch be placed on the church and one at the telephone office, as the latter would be easily available for calls from any part of the town. The machine, when released, would strike rapid blows for about fifteen minutes before it ran down. With only the two switches there would be little expense necessary for testing the apparatus.

The organization of the fire department could not be carried out as authorized in the last town meeting, as only four firemen, beside the chief and the assistants, attended the required number of drills. This is not enough men to handle the apparatus at a fire, so that much of the work must, as heretofore, be done by whatever men are at hand.

But unless the latter are willing to work in co-operation with the few who have taken the trouble to find out what apparatus we have, where it is, and how it goes together, the result is only bungling and confusion.

In accordance with the requirements of the Insurance Exchange, our new hose is 2 1-2 inch, and is on a separate reel from the old 2-inch hose, and its connectors and nozzles are with it. However, some gentlemen wasted a good deal of time at two of our fires in trying to use these two sizes of fittings interchangeably.

The new ladder truck carries also all the accessory tools that formerly were left in the house during fires, until their absence had been made known by sundry lamentations. To get this apparatus to a fire while it will do the most good requires leg power as well as jaw power, and we hope that former kind of energy will be given as generously as the latter.

We recommend that the chief be authorized to appoint six foremen, who shall attend drills as they did last year, according to the same requirements. Their duties at a fire would be to see that the equipment is used effectively, and they should get willing co-operation from the bystanders on whom they may call.

To lessen the time required to thaw and dry out hose after a fire in winter, which now takes a week or more, we urge the building of a closed drying-room and hose-rack in the fire-house. The saving of deterioration in the hose and lessening of the risk of being caught with a second fire while a large part of the hose is out of commission, would be well worth the expense.

The sills of the fire-house are in bad condition and should be repaired this year. Other outside repairs may be postponed.

A little new apparatus is needed, and some repairs on the old.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Total appropriated.....		\$577 30
Overdraw from last year.....	\$2 30	
Salaries and wages:		
Fire inspector and chief.....	\$25 00	
Drills to six firemen	14 00	
Fire service.....	18 75	
Work in drying hose.....	4 75	
	<hr/>	62 50
New apparatus:		
Hose 400x2 1-2 inch.....	200 00	
Ladder truck.....	107 61	
Other apparatus.....	124 57	
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Repair of old apparatus.....		8 84
Trucking, etc.....		3 06
Snow		89
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		509 77
Balance on hand.....		<hr/>
		\$67 83

Note—This list contains bills that were received too late to be paid this year, so the balance is smaller than in the selectmen's report.

ESTIMATE FOR APPROPRIATIONS.

Dry room and hose rack.....	\$150 00
Coal stove for same.....	20 00
Fuel	15 00
Electric lights for fire house.....	50 00
Repair of fire house.....	150 00
Repair of engines.....	20 00
Hose 100 ft.....	25 00
Wages for drills and fire service.....	75 00
Inspector's salary.....	25 00
Sundry expenses.....	25 00
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	\$555 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. THOMBS, Chief.
H. B. WEBSTER, Assistant
J. NORTON, “
B. STEELE, Fireman.
H. MACOMBER, “
W. C. PERRY, “
G. W. FAYE. “